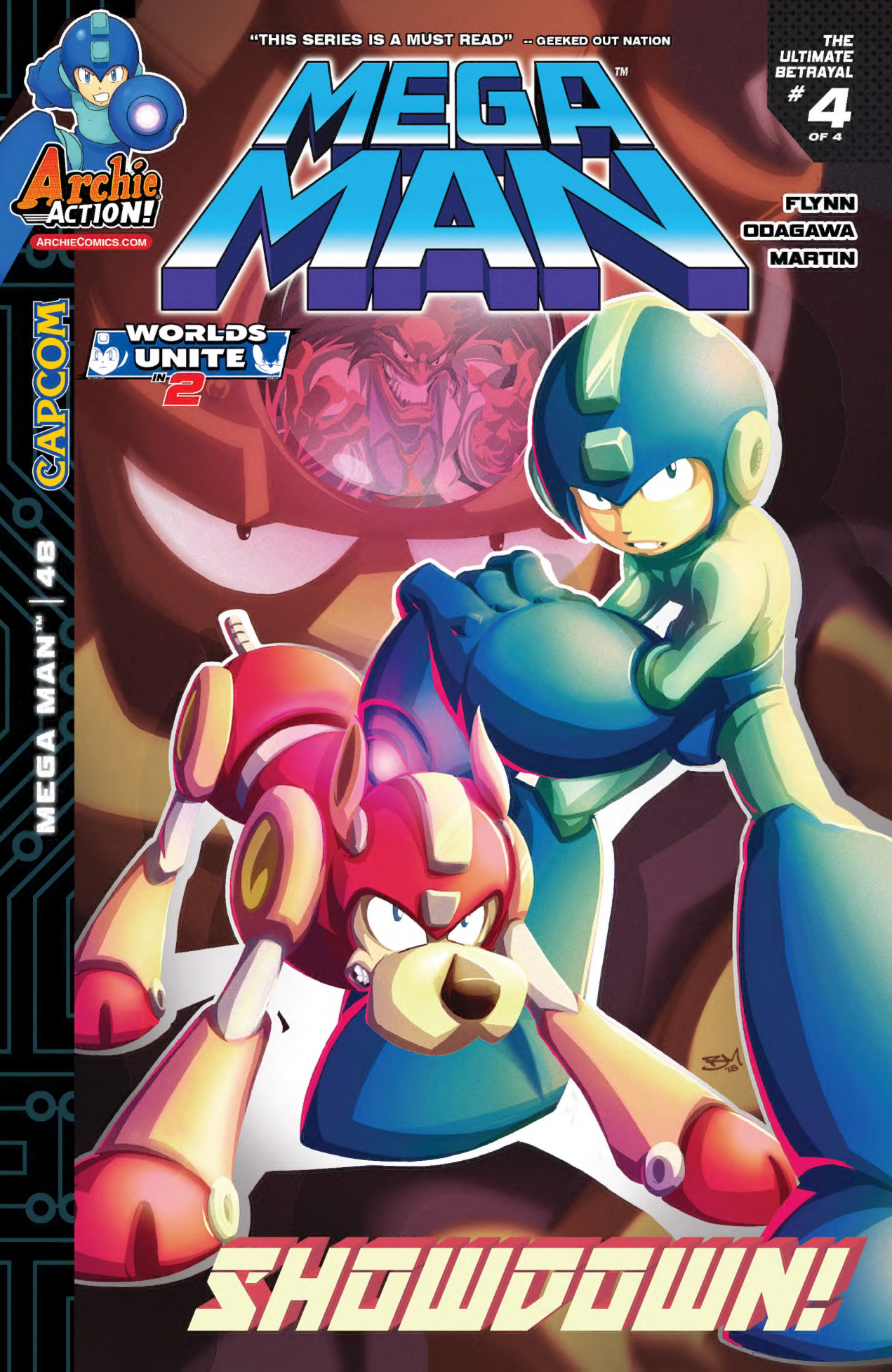
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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN
A.K.A. ROCK

DR. WILY
MAD SCIENTIST

DR. LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S CREATOR

BREAK MAN
A.K.A. BLUES

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

Dr. Light built Gamma to be the ultimate answer to world disasters. It was to be powered by the eight super-rare high-energy crystals called "Energy Elements." Through trickery and lies, Dr. Wily stole both Gamma and the Energy Elements, and then left Light Labs in burning ruin.

Mega Man has tracked Dr. Wily down to his hidden castle base and battled through all of his defenses. But Dr. Wily has taken command of Gamma and unleashed its full power on Mega Man.

What can one boy robot do against a robot built to handle all of nature's fury...?

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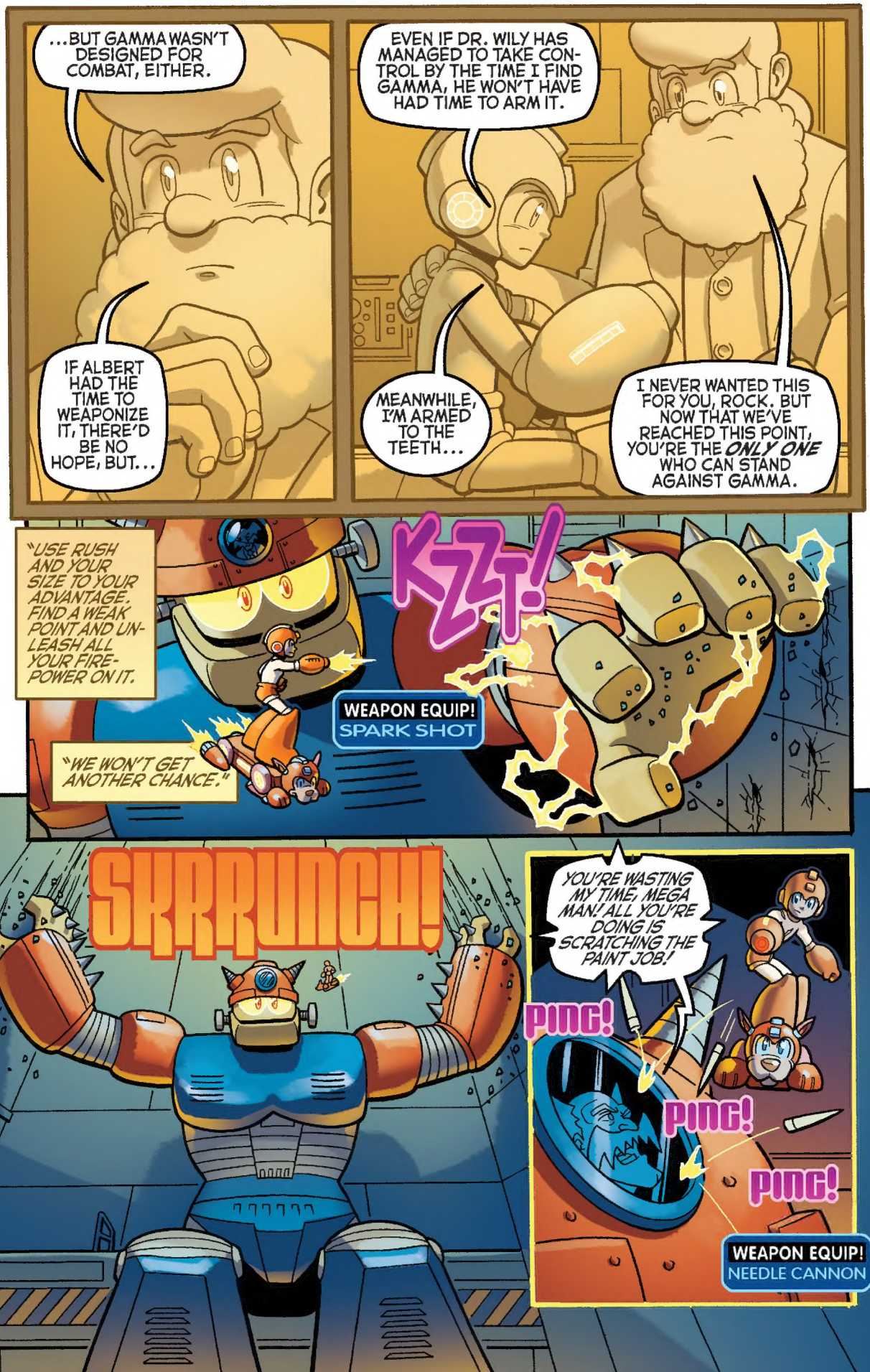
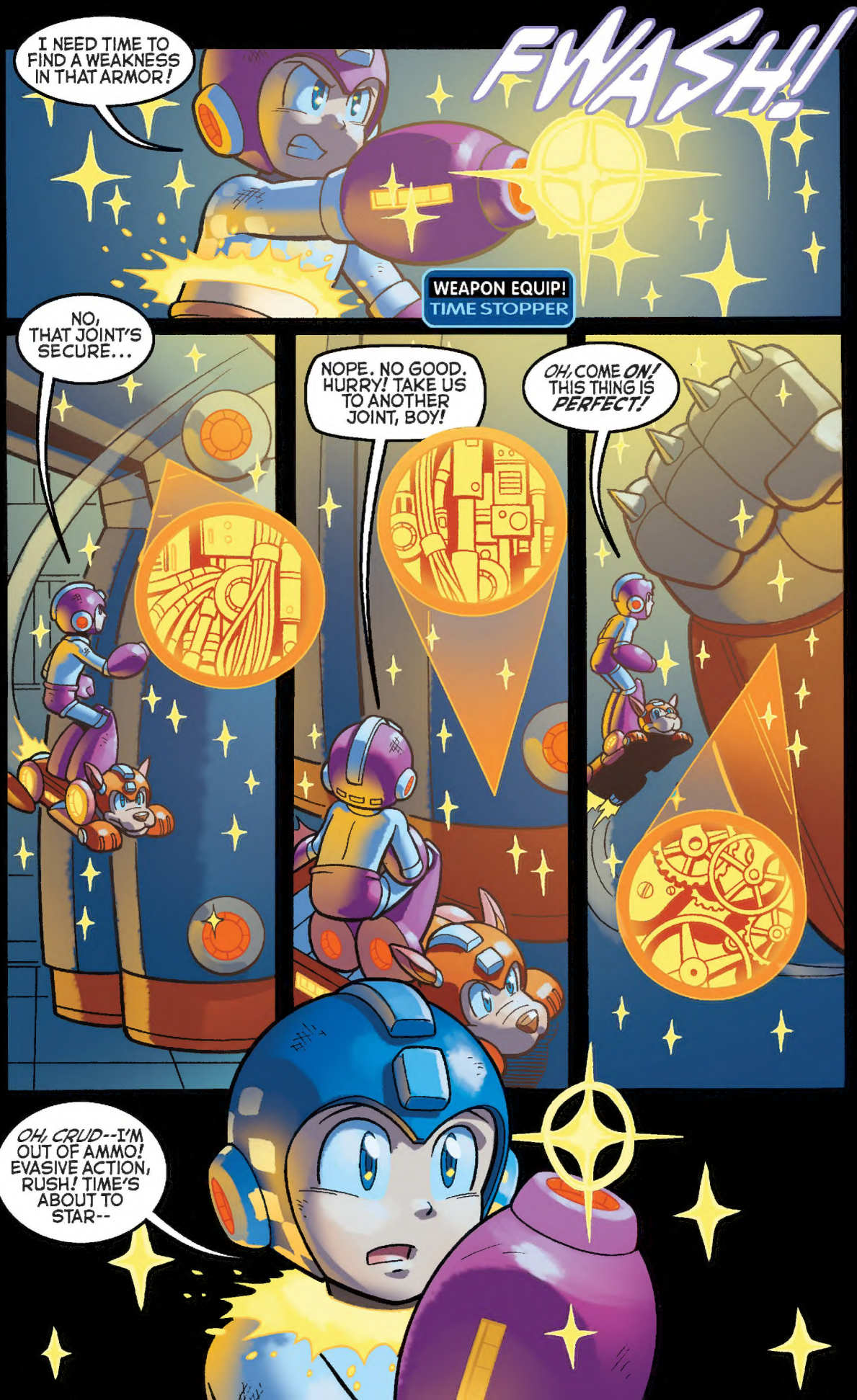
RUSH
TRANSFORMING
ROBO-DOG
The ULTIMATE
BETRAYAL
PART FOUR:
Gamma

I'M GOOD! GO! GO!!!
THOOM!
WAH-HA-HA! THOMAS DID SUCH AN EXCELLENT JOB OF IMPRINTING HIS NAIVETÉ INTO YOU!
YOU'VE HAD YOUR MINOR VICTORIES, BUT YOU CANNOT STAND AGAINST THE POWER OF GAMMA!
GAMMA
TITAN ROBOT
GAMMA WAS PART OF DR. LIGHT'S DREAM! HE WAS MEANT TO HELP PEOPLE!
BLAM!
HE WILL! FIRST HE'LL HELP ME CONQUER THE WORLD! THEN, FREE OF LIGHT'S SHADOW, THROUGH MY LEADERSHIP, ALL OF HUMANITY WILL BENEFIT! THE WORLD WILL FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGE MY BRILLIANCE!
PING!
PING!
PING!
DR. ALBERT W. WILY
WICKED SCIENTIST

A PITY YOU WON'T BE AROUND TO SEE IT!
CRASH!
SKYEW!
WEAPON EQUIP! GEMINI LASER
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
"GAMMA WAS BUILT TO HANDLE NATURAL DISASTERS, RIGHT? HURRICANES, EARTHQUAKES, TSUNAMIS--STUFF LIKE THAT?"
WEAPON EQUIP! MAGNET MISSILE
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THAT? EVEN WITH THE ROBOT MASTERS' SPECIAL WEAPONS, WILL I EVEN MAKE A DENT IN IT?
I...HONESTLY DON'T KNOW, SON. NO FORCE ON EARTH IS SUPPOSED TO STOP IT...
DR. THOMAS LIGHT MEGA MAN'S CREATOR & FATHER


...BUT GAMMA WASN'T DESIGNED FOR COMBAT, EITHER.
IF ALBERT HAD THE TIME TO WEAPONIZE IT, THERE'D BE NO HOPE, BUT...
EVEN IF DR. WILY HAS MANAGED TO TAKE CONTROL BY THE TIME I FIND GAMMA, HE WON'T HAVE HAD TIME TO ARM IT.
MEANWHILE, I'M ARMED TO THE TEETH...
I NEVER WANTED THIS FOR YOU, ROCK. BUT NOW THAT WE'VE REACHED THIS POINT, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STAND AGAINST GAMMA.
"USE RUSH AND YOUR SIZE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE. FIND A WEAK POINT AND UNLEASH ALL YOUR FIREPOWER ON IT.
"WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE."
KZZT!
WEAPON EQUIP!
SPARK SHOT
SKRRUNCH!
YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME, MEGA MAN! ALL YOU'RE DOING IS SCRATCHING THE PAINT JOB!
PING!
PING!
PING!
WEAPON EQUIP!
NEEDLE CANNON


I NEED TIME TO FIND A WEAKNESS IN THAT ARMOR!
FWASH!!
WEAPON EQUIP!
TIME STOPPER
NO, THAT JOINT'S SECURE...
NOPE. NO GOOD. HURRY! TAKE US TO ANOTHER JOINT, BOY!
OH, COME ON! THIS THING IS PERFECT!
OH, CRUD--I'M OUT OF AMMO! EVASIVE ACTION, RUSH! TIME'S ABOUT TO STAR--

KRA-THOOOM!
WEAPON EQUIP!
LEAF SHIELD
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE GOING TO BRING YOUR WHOLE CASTLE DOWN ON BOTH OF US!
I'M INSIDE GAMMA, YOU DOLT! THERE'S NO SAFER PLACE IN THE WORLD!
I WON'T LET AN OVERBLOWN TOILET-SCRUBBER-TURNED-COMMANDO BOY LIKE YOU HINDER ME ANY FURTHER!
SKRUNCH!

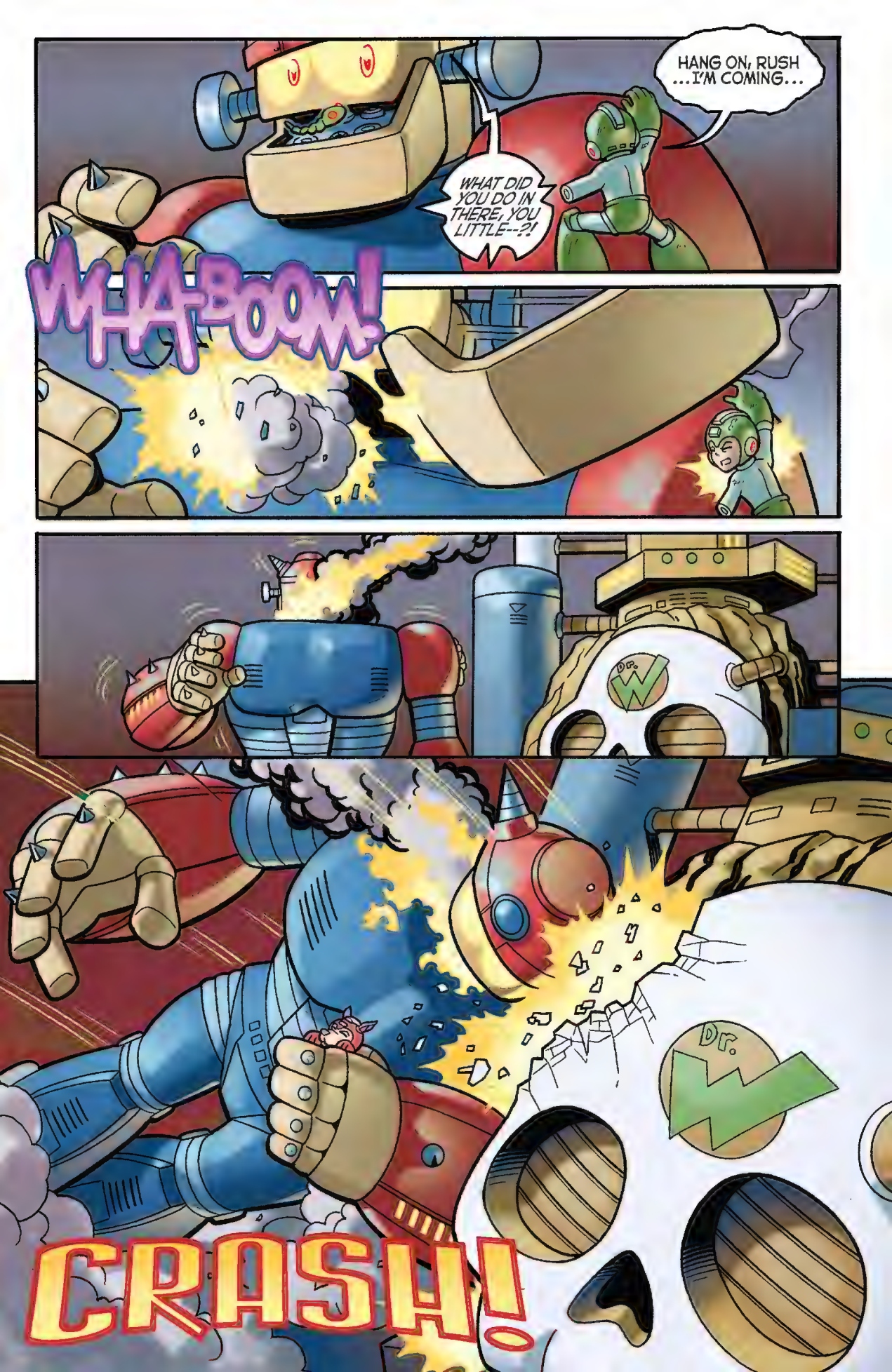
CHANGE TO RUSH COIL! NOW!
SPROING!
=WHEW= GOOD BOY!
WEAPON EQUIP! BUBBLE LEAD
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! I WISH I'D KNOWN I WAS DELIVERING THE ENERGY ELEMENTS RIGHT INTO WILY'S HANDS!
THEY... WAIT, THEY'RE THE ONLY THING KEEPING GAMMA RUNNING.
THAT'S IT!

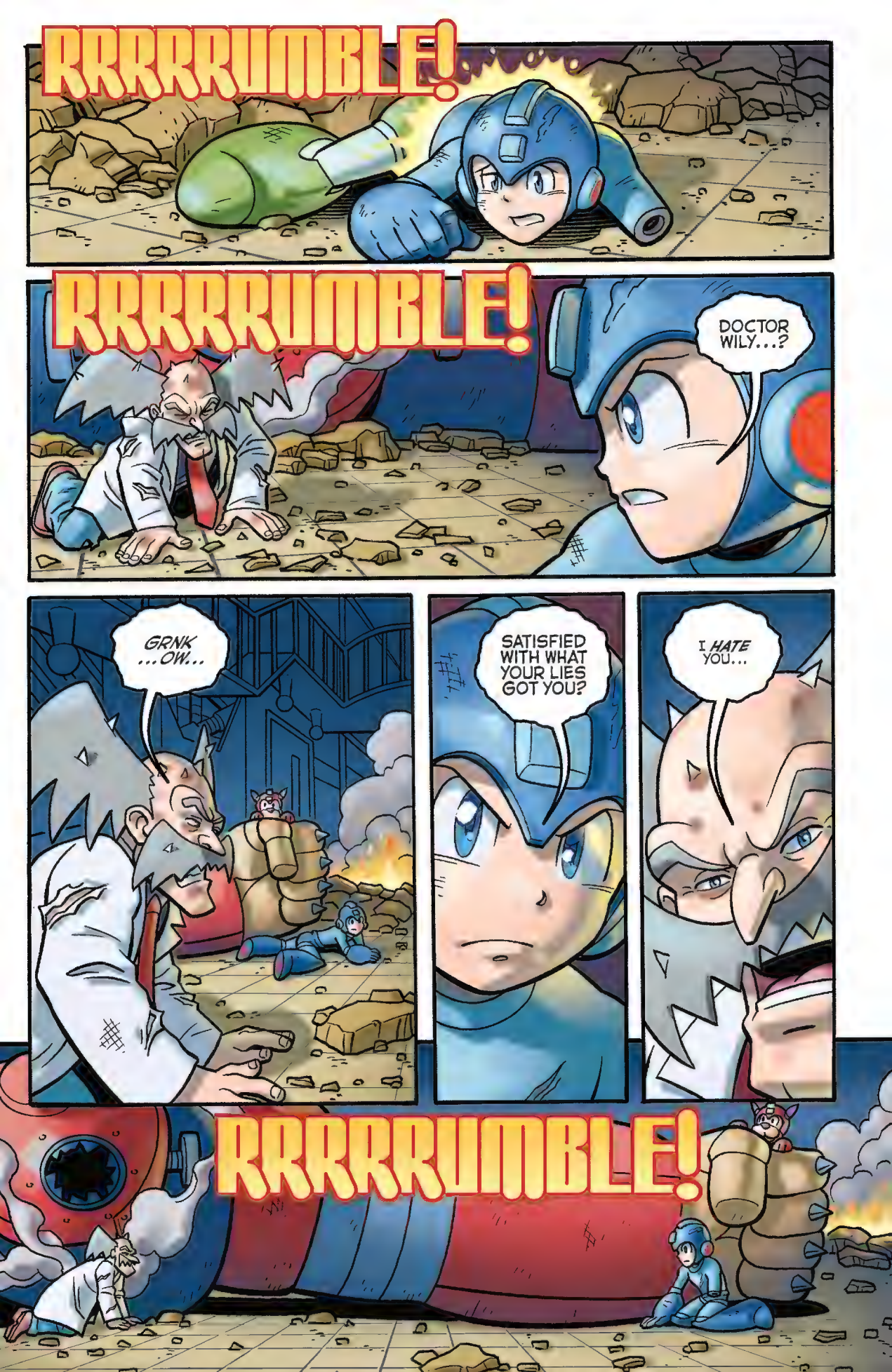
BARK!
BARK!
WHA--
AHHH!
WEAPON EQUIP!
AIR SHOOTER
WHOOSH!
RUSH!!!
LET'S SEE YOU FLY AROUND NOW!
CLONG!
YIPE!

LET HIM GO!
pfwoomp!
pfwoomp!
BLAM! BLAM!
BLAM!
WEAPON EQUIP!
CRASH BOMBER
GRRR... YOU WANT YOUR PRECIOUS DOG?!
YIPE!
HERE! TAKE HIM!
THOOM!
RRRRRUMBLE!

WHERE DID HE GO? I WANT TO PERSONALLY MELT DOWN EVERY SCRAP OF HIM!
WEAPON EQUIP!
METAL BLADE
NO!
WHAM!
HAHAHA! THERE YOU ARE, YOU SNEAKY LITTLE PEST! YOU'VE GOTTEN AWAY FOR THE LAST TIME.
YEAH? I THINK I'LL BEAT YOU TO THE PUNCH!

WHAM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WEAPON EQUIP!
HARD KNUCKLE
thump!
NO! GET AWAY FROM THERE!
WEAPON EQUIP!
SEARCH SNAKE
KSSZZZT!


HANG ON, RUSH ...I'M COMING...
WHAT DID YOU DO IN THERE, YOU LITTLE--?!
KA-BOOM!
Dr. W
CRASH!

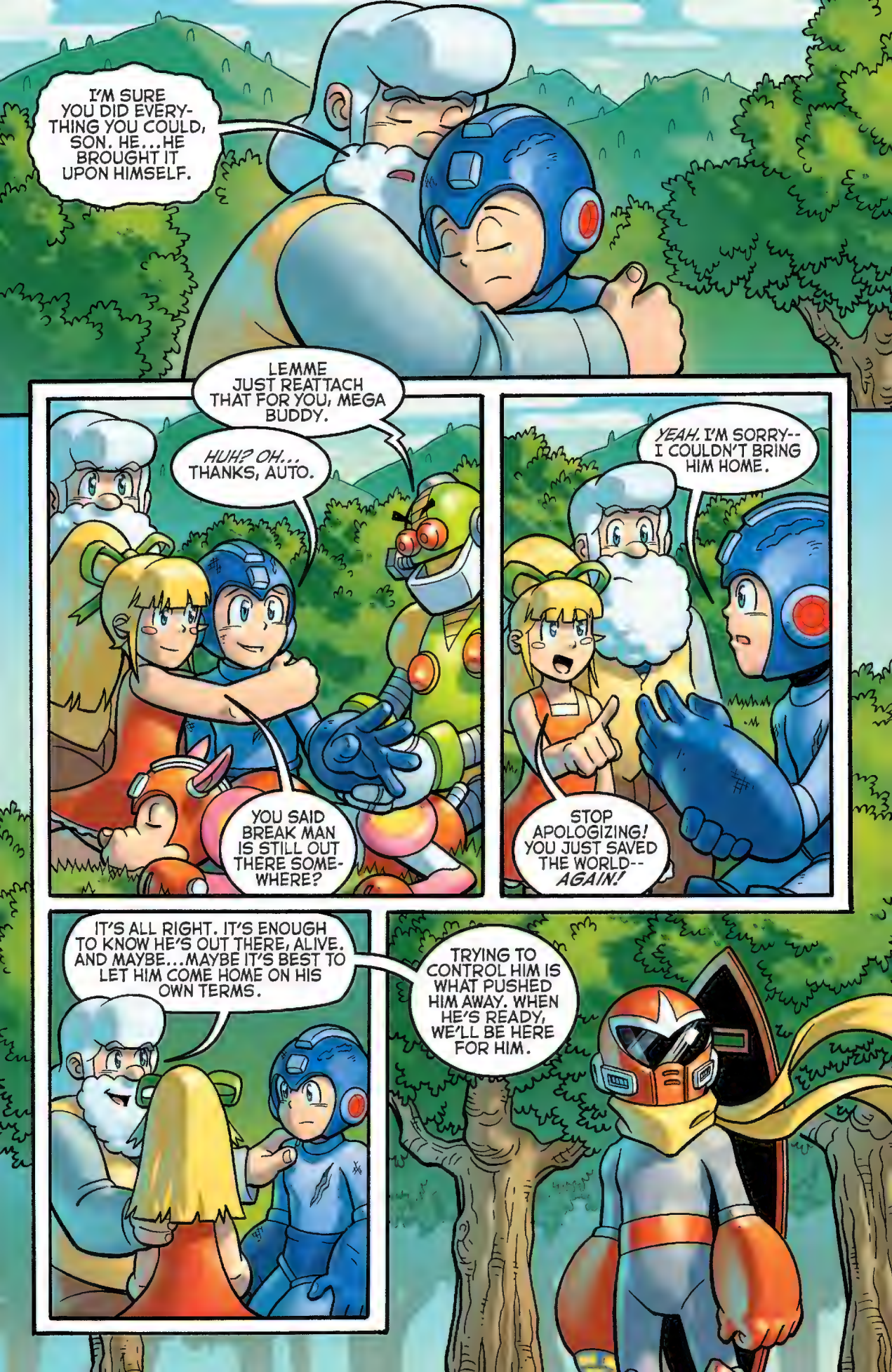

RRRRRUMBLE!
RRRRRUMBLE!
DOCTOR WILY...?
GRNK ...OW...
SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOUR LIES GOT YOU?
I HATE YOU...
RRRRRUMBLE!

WHAM!
WILY!
WHUD!
THUD!
SHUNK!
WHAM!

Bwoo-whip
BREAK MAN
MEGA MAN'S BROTHER
DR. WILY'S ENFORCER
WHERE'S DOCTOR WILY?
OH.
...NO, IT'S TOO LATE.
WHUUUNE

MEANWHILE, AT THE REMAINS OF LIGHT LABS...
CAREFUL THERE, DOC. THERE COULD BE EMBERS OR SOMETHIN'.
THANK YOU, AUTO. WE'LL BE CAREFUL.
OH, DOCTOR LIGHT...
ROLL MEGA MAN'S SISTER
AUTO ROBOT MECHANIC
HOW DO WE REBUILD FROM THIS?
DON'T WORRY, DEAR. I HAVE MY FINANCES IN ORDER.
THIS WILL PUSH BACK ALL OF MY PROJECTS, BUT THAT CAN'T BE HELPED...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
=SIGH= I KNOW. WE CAN TAKE NEW PICTURES. RECORD NEW HOME MOVIES.
WE'LL TAKE TRIPS AND MAKE NEW MEMORIES TO ADD TO THE ONES WE ALREADY SHARE.
WE STILL HAVE EACH OTHER. AS LONG AS WE HAVE THAT, EVERYTHING ELSE IS IMMATERIAL. ONCE YOUR BROTHER GETS BACK, WE'LL--
BARK! BARK!
RUSH?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE RUSH!

BARK! BARK!
WHU... WE'RE HOME ...?
YOU'RE SAFE!
WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE?
I...I STOPPED GAMMA. I'M SORRY. I HAD TO DESTROY HIM.
BREAK MAN... I BEAT HIM, AND THEN HE...HE LEFT...
AND WILY...I COULDN'T SAVE HIM, DR. LIGHT. EVERYTHING WAS ON FIRE... AND FALLING APART. I SAW HIM...BUT I COULDN'T... I COULDN'T...


I'M SURE YOU DID EVERY-THING YOU COULD, SON. HE...HE BROUGHT IT UPON HIMSELF.
LEMME JUST REATTACH THAT FOR YOU, MEGA BUDDY.
HUH? OH... THANKS, AUTO.
YOU SAID BREAK MAN IS STILL OUT THERE SOME-WHERE?
YEAH. I'M SORRY-- I COULDN'T BRING HIM HOME.
STOP APOLOGIZING! YOU JUST SAVED THE WORLD-- AGAIN!
IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S ENOUGH TO KNOW HE'S OUT THERE, ALIVE. AND MAYBE...MAYBE IT'S BEST TO LET HIM COME HOME ON HIS OWN TERMS.
TRYING TO CONTROL HIM IS WHAT PUSHED HIM AWAY. WHEN HE'S READY, WE'LL BE HERE FOR HIM.

BWOO-WHIP
WAS THAT --?
YEAH.
THANKS FOR BRINGING ME HOME, BIG BROTHER.

MEANWHILE...
HE'S STABLE. A BROKEN ARM, A BROKEN LEG AND A MILD CONCUSSION. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE HIM TO EVAC SHORTLY.
VERY GOOD.
MR. X HAS BIG PLANS FOR DR. WILY.
WHO IS THIS?
WHO IS MR. X?
AND WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH DR. WILY? THE BATTLE IS OVER, BUT THERE'S NO REST FOR MEGA MAN!
COME BACK NEXT TIME WHEN HE COMES FACE-TO-FACE WITH ALL OF THE WILY ROBOT MASTERS!
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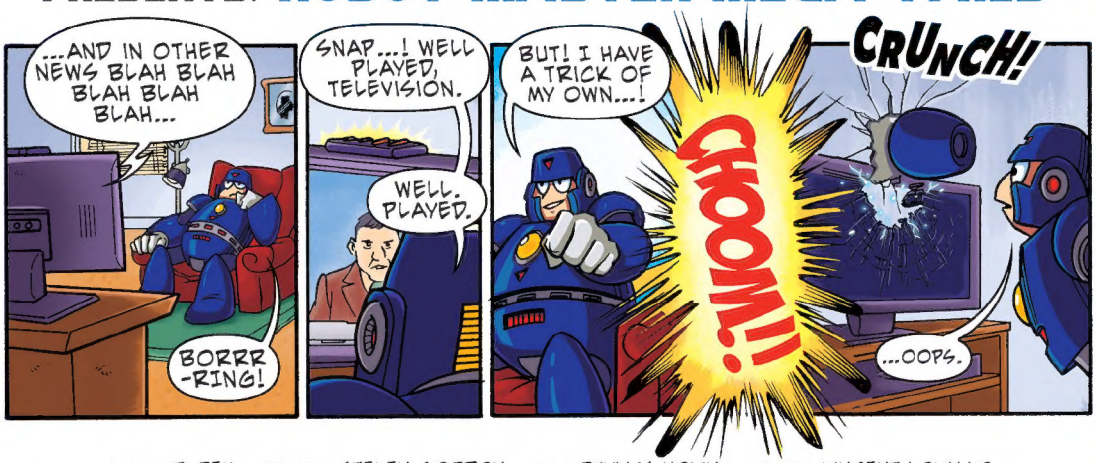

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A Letter from the EDITOR

Attention: Mega Man fans! Hear ye, hear ye!

It's my privilege to officially introduce to you your new **Mega Man** comics Editor -- Vincent Lovallo!

Vin has been working on these books for years now as Assistant Editor to yours truly, and his brilliant work has helped to transform the comics you hold in your hands month after month into the pristine works of art that they are today. And believe me, the awesomeness you've got coming up in the next few months courtesy of Mr. Lovallo is going to blow you away! I couldn't be happier or more proud to have worked with Vin, and he's about to become the best Archie Action editor ever!

Thanks to everyone who made my time as Editor a great one — especially to Mike Pellerito, who set a shining example of how to do this job and do it well. Also a big thanks to Victor Gorelick who hired me all those years ago, Jon Goldwater who makes publishing these wonderful titles possible, everyone at Archie who has pitched in to help over the years, to CAPCOM, especially Francis, Noriko and Susan for all their support, and to the incredible talent I got to work with on these titles! Chatting with Ian Flynn, Ryan Jampole, Patrick Spaziante, Matt Herms, Evan Stanley, John Workman, Gary Martin, Rick Bryant, Chad Thomas and so many others is always the highlight of my day! And last but not least, thanks to you the reader and all the fans who have written to us, said hello at shows, and supported these titles through five crazy years of expansion, change and epic new heights. You pals 'n' gals are the best.

Long story short, get ready for big action, tons of laughs and LOTS of adventure as Vin takes the reigns.

To quote Mike, "the best is yet to come!"

Paul

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